

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. They should not do this unless they air a pro-Kerry documentary like "Up River" in an equally advantageous time PRIOR to the election. As a retired soldier and Viet-Nam era veteran who had many family members and friends serve in Viet-Nam, I hate to see this wholesale theft of our Nation's honor. This could impact the legitimacy of the 2004 election as it was stolen from the 2004 election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Help stop these travesties or the people will see that you are all turned out of office!

Thank you.